

Stephen Seyler BID Executive Security Director SBID Monthly Security Report

### **SUMMARY FOR 9-10-12 THROUGH 10-7-12**

This report takes us through week 40 of this year. As we look for trends, we see that last year at this time, we had made 252 arrests as compared to 233 this year. This is a decrease of 19 arrests. Radio calls at this point in 2011 totaled 977 as compared to 1118 so far this year. That is an increase of 141 calls. In 2011 we made 4246 citizen contacts at this point in the year. Our 2012 totals are 3183. This is a drop of 1063 contacts. Business checks in 2011 were 1623. So far this year we have made 1709 checks. This is an increase of 86 contacts.

I believe that an increase of 141 radio calls is quite significant and can help to at least partially explain our decline in citizen contacts this year. We are looking at other possible explanations for this decline. The more time we spend on radio calls, the less time we have for discretionary self-initiated activities such as high visibility patrol, business checks and citizen contacts.

We are constantly looking for ways to address these issues. It is of course crucial to know what the issues are before any solution can be considered. This is why we maintain these statistics and keep our client apprised of their potential ramifications.

#### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

We received an E-Mail from our company office in Burbank regarding a man wishing to file a complaint against BID Security. The man said his name is Jake Movez and that he is being stalked by our Officers. He also said that we arrested him and took his beer. The employee was concerned until Jake added that he is also the creator of the Cirque De Soleil show at the Dolby. We have no record of Jake, but have become used to the occasional bizarre complaint.

On 9-20-12, the annual Hollywood PAL Fund Raiser was held at the Taglyan Grand Ballroom. Andrews was a sponsor as we have been every year since 2007 when we started patrolling the BID. The theme this year was The Golden Age of Hollywood. Andrews's luminaries Randy Andrews and Vice Presidents Bill Farrar, Mike Cantrell and Andrew Hoobler were in attendance. BID Security Director Steve

Seyler, Assistant Director Joe Salazar and wife Christy and BID Officer Mike Coogle with gal pal Sarah

were also there. Our Security Director was in the spirit of the event as he stunned the crowd with his impersonation of W.C Fields.

On 9-20-12, Andrews was also a sponsor of Councilman Tom LaBonge's annual luncheon. Andrew's upper management was again represented as we realize the

importance of forging and maintaining the many important relationships we have built in Hollywood.

On 9-27-12, Meredith Densford attended our briefing. She is the PATH Regional Manager for Homeless Outreach in San Diego. Courtney Kanagi, who is a PATH Supervisor in Los Angeles, as well as a part time BID Officer, was also in attendance. Meredith addressed our Officers and we shared ideas about how she can duplicate the type of relationship our security team has forged with the outreach community. She seemed quite impressed with our model.

On 9-28-12, we had a luncheon to honor our Officers achievement of passing the 1000 arrest threshold for 2012. As of 10-7-12, we have made 1072 Private Person Arrests. This is slightly ahead of the pace for last year. John Tronson and Kerry Morrison addressed the troops.

On 10-2-12, we received a radio call of a naked man at 6408 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival they spoke to Teron who was pantsless. He said there was a worm in his pants and he had become frightened and taken them off. He assured our guys that he had taken his medications today, but they were unconvinced. LAPD Officers arrived and handled the incident. This is actually an HBID story, but we thought you would want to know.

On 10-2-12, our Officers saw a woman climb into a clothing recycling bin at 1320 Vine. She entered through the slot where you drop the donated clothing. We contacted the owner of the bin who refused to press charges. LAPD responded and warned the woman and her friend regarding possible burglary charges.

### Four Days with Arnie:

Arni is a deeply troubled homeless man that we are trying to assist along with a great number of concerned homeless outreach workers from various agencies. I tracked just four days' worth of our contacts with him.

10-1-12/4:30 P.M.- R/C Hollywood Hotel, 6364 Yucca. Arnie was sitting in hallway on the third floor. The LAPD had been called an hour previously, but had not responded yet. We advised the caller Don that we can't respond to third floor. We called the LAPD for Don. We had been flagged down at the location earlier in the day regarding the same situation.

10-2-12/6:15A.M.- 7095 Hollywood Blvd. (La Brea Plaza). Sgt. Patton contacted Arni and video- taped their conversation. Arni was confused and claimed to own the property.

10-2-12/3:00 P.M.-R/C 7095 Hollywood Blvd. (La Brea Plaza). Dr. Gulvartian (Pharmacist, Ideal Pharmacy, 7095 Hollywood Blvd., 323-851-6800) said that Arni was causing constant problems at the location. He said he urinates and defecates on the property daily. He follows women around and scares them. He peers into peoples cars. The Dr. said that he is very disappointed and frustrated by the LAPD, BID Security and

Health Department's lack of response to the situation. When advised to call the LAPD he said that he would not as this was our problem to solve and not his. After our arrest of Arni on 10-4-12, I sent a team to meet with the Dr. and update him on the situation.

10-2-12/6:00 P.M.-R/C 7095 Hollywood Blvd. (La Brea Plaza). The onsite Security Officer said that he told Arni that he could not lie on the ground in front of the Smoke Shop. Arni then got up, took out a cigarette lighter, and attempted to set the guards uniform on fire. We advised the guard to call the LAPD to make a crime report, but he declined.

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10-4-12/10:00 A.M.-7095 Hollywood Blvd. We placed Arni under arrest for trespass. He ran in traffic and fought Officers. He later escaped from LAPD custody, but was recaptured after a short time. He was booked in downtown jail. The involved outreach workers were given the above information.

#### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

1) 9-11-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

- 2) 9-11-12 HHOT Homeless Outreach Meeting
- 3) 9-13-12 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 4) 9-14-12 Homeless Outreach Meeting Bid Office
- 5) 9-20-12 PAL Charity Event
- 6) 9-20-12 Councilman LaBonge Luncheon
- 7) 9-25-12 CPAB Meeting
- 8) 9-25-12 HHOT Homeless Outreach Meeting
- 9) 9-27-12 PATH at BID Security Briefing
- 10) 9-28-12 1000 Arrest Luncheon-Tronson-Morrison Speakers
- 11) 10-2-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

O 9-14-12, our officers were flagged down at Wilcox and Sunset by Gary. He is an elderly man whose wheelchair became disabled. Officer Mooney drove Gary to his residence at the Mark Twain Hotel located at 1622 Wilcox. His partner Officer Hayes pushed the wheelchair to the location. The Officers then borrowed tools from Adalbeto Avalos who is the buildings maintenance worker. They were then able to make the necessary repairs to the wheelchair.

On 9-17-12, we contacted Judith in front of the Vagabond Motel located at 1123 Vine. She was asked not to block the sidewalk. She was unusually angry and shouted profanities at our Officers as she slowly departed the area. She said that she has HIV and

threatened to spit on our Officers. We have spent many hours attempting to assist Judith and we will continue these efforts.

On 9-18-12, Kerry Morrison requested that we locate three homeless people that she wanted to interview. They are Arni, Roxanne and Serge. These are people that we feel are desperately in need of intervention and assistance. Kerry will soon make a presentation to the Homeless Outreach Community regarding the plight of these three. We were able to locate all of the subjects and to take Kerry to their locations.

On 10-4-12, our officers contacted Arni at 7095 Hollywood Blvd. at about 6:25 A.M. He was warned regarding his Trespassing at the location. Arni sleeps, urinates, defecates and leaves trash at the location. He claims to own the property. He also follows women and looks into cars in the lot. We have received countless complaints regarding his activities.

Due to all the above, we decided to arrest him for Trespass. There is a team of homeless outreach workers prepared to respond in the event that Arni is taken into custody in hopes that an intervention can be accomplished. He refuses all offers of help. The goal is to get him on the medications that he so clearly needs.

Our entire morning team responded in hopes that we could take him into custody without anyone being injured. I contacted Arni and tried to hold him. He pulled away and ran into traffic. He managed to pull away from two more Officers until we grabbed him with four. We all fell into a planter and a three foot tall palm gave up its life in the cause of homeless outreach.

Arni struggled mightily and is amazingly strong. We were finally able to overpower him with no injuries to anyone although our clothing was certainly muddied. We used a hobble to secure his legs as he continued kicking and struggling. We then turned him over to the LAPD. Our Outreach partners (PATH, CAMP, MEU, LAPD SMART Team) were all contacted and responded to the LAPD Station.

Upon arrival at the LAPD Station, Arni bolted from the Patrol car. He had managed to remove the hobble. He was still handcuffed, but managed to run onto another Patrol car and dive over the approximately eight foot high wall surrounding the parking lot. He then ran from the area. He was found a short time later hiding behind a house. He had managed to get the handcuffs in front of his body. He had taken off his shirt and used it to hide the cuffs. Arni was booked at the downtown jail. He was charged with 148(A)(1) PC and given a \$10,000.00 Bail.

On 10-2-12, we received a radio call of two men trespassing at Triangle Square located at 1602 Ivar. Upon arrival we met Cheron. He belongs to a local church and said he was trying to help the homeless and alcoholic Steven. He let Steven use his phone so he could speak to his wife, mother and father-in-law whom he had not talked to since December of 2011.

Steven was shocked when his father-in -law offered him a place to stay as well as some employment prospects. Steven was mortified as he was dirty and wearing torn and soiled clothing. Officers Mike and Mike requested permission to transport Steven to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament for a shower and new clothing.

Our guys drove Steven to the Church and introduced him to Spencer who provided toiletries, a shower, dress pants and a button down

shirt. He was then given a map and directions to his father-in-laws house as well as bus tokens to get him there. They let him use the phone and he called his father-in-law who said he would be waiting for his arrival. Steven was very grateful and quite emotional as our Officers left.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 233 arrests. One hundred and forty three were for drinking in public, 21 for urinating in public, 16 for trespass, 7 for battery, 12 for blocking the sidewalk, 4 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 17 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 12 for felonies. We also made 222 homeless referrals, assisted 120 agencies, provided extra patrol to 530 locations, assisted 3183 citizens, handled 1118 radio calls for service, and made 1709 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 9-11-12, we received a radio call of two men fighting at 6300 Sunset Blvd. Treston was fighting with Carlos. We then learned that it was a Domestic Violence situation and Treston was arrested for the Felony.

On 9-18-12, we found Michelle and Michael lying on and blocking the sidewalk at 6130 Sunset Blvd. They were very belligerent and shouted profanities at our officers. This is the same couple that had a huge amount of property and debris on El Centro just south of Sunset that caused issues in the past.

Rather than risk a violent confrontation, we called the LAPD. Officers Nelson and Lee responded. The subjects then turned their venom on the LAPD Officers. Both suspects were taken into custody.

On 9-19-12, we were contacted by Nicole Farley of the Department of Mental Health. She is the Coordinator for 'One Step". She was trying to find Michelle and Michael as she was trying to get them housing in an apartment. Our Officers found them an hour later at Gower and Carlos Way and asked them to call Nicole.

On 9-20-12, our Officers spoke to the couple who said they were given vouchers to stay at the Gilbert Hotel until their apartment is ready.

This incident is a good illustration of our policy of using enforcement when necessary, but in conjunction with our outreach efforts.

On 9-24-12, we arrested George for violation of a Court Stay Away Order (166(A)(4)PC. He is the often scantily clad man that sits in trash cans with rude signs pan handling. We had worked with the City Attorney's Office for many months in pursuit of getting this order. During the course of this year we arrested George on at least 24 occasions. This order gives us a great tool and we hope to expand this to other long time problem suspects.

On 9-25-12, we arrested Eston for drinking in public at 1240 Vine. After turning him over to the LAPD, we learned that he had \$30,000.00 in outstanding warrants. He was then booked.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

Our deployment has remained the same during this period. In the SBID we cover 6:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, noon to 8:00 P.M. on Saturday and 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday.

#### TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period, our Officers received training in Driver's Safety, Sexual Harassment, Live Fire Range Training and Legal Update.